

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY  
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Special Branch S.2.

May 29, 1933.

Memorandum on the movements of G.E.Berry-Popoff  
alias G.Popoff-Peipin, suspected Soviet agent.

G.E.Berry-Popoff alias G.Popoff-Peipin, suspected Soviet agent, who left Shanghai for Canton on March 15, 1933, returned to Shanghai on May 15, 1933 by s.s. "Tsinan".

It is reported that he frequently visits the dining room at No.48 Rue Mollier owned by one M. Grabovsky, his former paramour.

His place of abode is at present unknown.

*G. Tcheremshany*  
D. S.

HR  
Officer i/c Special Branch.

*SB 29/5*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
& S. B. REGISTRY

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Date 11/14/38

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**SECRET**

Dear Barton,

I forward herewith for your information  
a copy of a Memorandum on G. Popoff-Peipin alias  
G.E. Berry-Popoff, a suspected Soviet agent.

Yours sincerely,

J. Barton, Esq., ✓

British Consulate-General.

Monsieur R. Sarly, ✓

French Police.

**SECRET**

Memorandum on the movements of Gerasim Popoff-Pelipin  
alias Georgy Efimovitch Berry-Popoff, suspected  
Soviet Agent.

G. Popoff-Pelipin alias G.E. Berry-Popoff, suspected Soviet agent, left Shanghai for Canton via Amoy and Hong-kong by s.s. "Taiyuan" on March 15, 1933, travelling first class. It was discovered that Berry-Popoff received an Emigrant passport No.9909 from the Bureau of Public Safety together with one Josif Iosifovitch Mainach on February 15, 1933 and a Foreign Passport No.1778 on February 1, 1933 through the assistance of Z.H.A. Daff & Co., 262 Avenue Road (Tel.31954). Berry-Popoff produced a letter from this firm verifying that he is an emigrant employed by the firm and that he is to proceed to Canton. His profession was given as radio-telegraphist. Berry-Popoff is a former White Russian who turned Bolshevik in 1925 at Tientsin and was attached to the G.P.U. through the medium of Comrade Rivkin, custodian of the Soviet Consulate in this city. Berry-Popoff was also recruiting agent for General Guchin's Detachment in Marshal Feng's Army. Later he was in charge of the Guard of the Soviet Consulate in Tientsin. During December 1929 he arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin accompanied by John Tishevsky, member of the G.P.U. and chauffeur of Tientsin Soviet Consulate and one Valentin Stroganoff, member of the G.P.U. attached to the Soviet Consulate in Tientsin (EikkexyBizz). They resided in the French Concession. On March 17, 1930 Berry-Popoff left Shanghai for an unknown destination. Some time after he returned to Shanghai and on October 28, 1930 was reported to be the lover of Mrs. A. Pilavin, wife of M.Pilavin, a suspected Soviet agent and former employee of Contrefoius in Tientsin. On November 3, 1931 Berry-Popoff met one S. Momentoff, suspected Soviet agent and also one M.N. Salnik, Soviet courier recently arrived from the U.S.S.R. On January 9, 1932 it was reported that Popoff had a meeting with M.S. Debrohotoff.

employee of the local branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway formerly employed with the Tientsin branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway. It was stated during this time that Berry-Popoff received an invitation to join the Mukden section of the G.P.U., but he refused to take this position as he was too well known to the Japanese Police. On January 20, 1932 it was reported that Berry-Popoff visited a Chinese office at 320 Nanking Road, Room 100, probably to meet a Chinese agent. On February 26, 1932 Popoff met at the wharf one N. Kirienko, a man reported to be connected with the Tientsin Soviet Consulate, who arrived by s.s. "Fusang" from Tientsin. Kirienko's sister one Zina Kirienko, was a paramour of Berry-Popoff. She is a member of the Communist Party and was expelled from Tsing-tao in 1931 for communist propaganda among American sailors. During March 1932 it was reported that Berry-Popoff associated with C.M. Kraslavsky, suspected Soviet agent and M. Pilavin, suspected Soviet agent. On July 12, 1932 it was reported that Berry-Popoff would be sent to Mongolia on a special mission on behalf of the Soviets and that he already received money from G.P.U. In connection with this he made steps to obtain the representation some foreign firms, in order to legalise his position. When in Shanghai he resided at the following addresses:

"Manchuria Dining Room," Room 14, Avenue Joffre 17.3.31.  
48 Rue Mollier, November 1931.  
604 Rue Bourgeat, July 15, 1932.  
79 Rue Mollier, August 1932.

During March 1933 Berry-Popoff resided at 680 Burkhill Road, house of one Zee Hai Doo (齊海道), retired Chief Clerk of S.M.C. Secretariat.

Berry-Popoff's description is as follows:

Height: 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Dark brown hair.  
Brown eyes.  
Oval face.  
Ordinary nose.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 2. Special Branch Date 10 September 1933

## REPORT

Date April 10, 1933

Subject (in full) Memorandum on the movements of Gerasim Poroff-Peirin alias  
Georgy Efimovitch Berry-Poroff, Suspected Soviet Agent.

Made by D.S. Tcherniansky. Forwarded by J.B.R. S.

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Oval face.

Ordinary nose.

G. I. Chremshansky

D. S.

Particulars of this individual are to be  
found in D.796 - D.822 ad 10.954.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Reg. Copies have been sent to  
usual authorities. Please  
file.

APR 10 1933

Extract from French Intelligence Report  
of 3-4-33

Just received by D.M. information given in our report  
of March 15, 1933, p.l. para. 1. We learn that V. Po off-Levchine  
alias Cherny is in France, and is strongly suspected of  
working on behalf of the U.S. and the British Comintern on  
March 15, intercepting steamer USS Arizona to the Pacific Islands.  
With this object in view, I obtained, on February 15, from the  
Public Safety Bureau - Russian emigre to - escort under the name  
of S. Ponoff-erry, permitting him to travel abroad.

D.S. Scheremetshovsky

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KIRIENKO, N.

Connected with the Tientsin Soviet Consulate

KIRIENKO, Zina

Expelled from Tsingtao in 1931 for communist propaganda  
among American sailors.

KRASLAVSKY, C. M.  
Soviet agent.

MALNACH, Josif Iosifovitch

RIVKIN

Custodian of Soviet Consulate in Tientsin.

**SMP**

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BERRY-POPOFF, G. E. - Soviet  
@ POPOFF-PEIPIN, G.  
At one time in charge of the Guard of the Soviet  
Consulate in Tientsin.

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TISHEVSKY, John  
Member of G.P.U. and chauffeur of Tientsin Soviet Consulate.

STROGANOFF, Valentin  
Attached to Soviet Consulate in Tientsin.

PILAVIN, M.  
Former employee of Controsojus in Tientsin.

PILAVIN, Mrs. A.  
Wife of above.

MAMENTOFF, S.

SALNIK, M. N.  
Soviet courier

DOBROHOTOFF, M. S.  
Employee of Chinese Eastern Railway.